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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DOMOKOS ET AL.

Examiner

Cam N. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/11/07 (an amendment/response).
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 27 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 & 27-35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicants' amendments and remarks, filed on 9/11/07, have been made of record and entered. Claims 1-6 have been amended. Claims 27-36 have been added.

Claims 1-36 are currently pending.

Status of Withdrawn Claim(s)

2. This application contains claims 7-26 which drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse in Paper No. Dated 05/17/07. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 6 & 27-35 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - A. In claim 6, line 3, "mixtures" should be changed to --mixture--.
 - B. In claim 6, line 4, "mixtures" should be changed to --mixture--.
 - C. In claims 27-35, line 1, "recited" should be changed to --claimed--.
 - D. In claim 35, line 2, "is of" should be changed to --has--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(b)

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-6, 27, & 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takeuchi et al., "hereinafter referred to as Takeuchi", (US Pat. 4,206,036).

Takeuchi discloses a catalyst comprising 45 to 95% by weight of titanium oxide, 3 to 40% by weight of at least one of molybdenum oxide and tungsten oxide, and 2 to 15% by weight of at least one nickel oxide and cobalt oxide (see col. 14, claim 1, ln 30-34). Takeuchi further discloses that the titanium oxide can be replaced with a small amount of refractory materials, such as alumina, silica, etc. (see col. 4, ln 49-53). See also col. 4, ln 24-30.

Takeuchi teaches the claimed unsupported catalyst composition containing the claimed metal components and metal amounts, thus, anticipates the claims.

Response to Applicants' Arguments

6. Applicants' response filed on September 11, 2007 has been fully considered, but not deemed persuasive in view of the new ground of rejection(s) and/or objection(s) above.

Applicants' arguments regarding the art rejection made in the last office action were found persuasive, thus, those rejections have been removed.

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7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Citations

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. All references are cited for related art. See PTO-892 Form prepared.

Conclusion

9. Claims 1-36 are pending. Claims 1-6, 27, & 36 are rejected. Claims 6 & 28-35 are objected. Claims 7-26 remain withdrawn due to nonelected (distinct) invention(s). No claims are allowed.

Contacts

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner Cam N Nguyen, whose telephone number is 571-272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM, at alternative work site.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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Primary Examiner

November 25, 2007

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